

ADMISSIONS OFFICE UPDATE



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A publication of the Admissions Office of St. John's Jesuit High School & Academy
Providing prospective SJJ families with information about Catholic Jesuit Education.

Jesuit Mission Carried Out by Entire Faculty and Staff at SJJ

"School personnel are hired who are supportive of the Jesuit and Catholic mission of the school and engage in ongoing formation with regard to Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit education." (from "Our Way of Proceeding: Standards and Benchmarks for Jesuit Schools in the 21st Century")

This year, as in previous years, all of the faculty and staff will participate in the St. John's Jesuit mission: "St. John's Jesuit will form Christian leaders as men for others in the image of Christ." The strength of our school is our faculty, our teachers whom our students learn from and are formed by every school day. Our faculty and staff are formed to know the spiritual heritage of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. Teachers experience retreats and are offered opportunities for spiritual direction as part of a five-year formation program in faith and Ignatian spirituality. While fewer Jesuit priests stand in front of classrooms in Jesuit high schools nationwide, be assured that SJJ lay teachers are growing steady in their identities as Ignation educators, formed to teach their students with the same heart, mind, and spirit of the Jesuits.



Making a Plan for Catholic Education

Ohio's 529 Plan was amended effective March 30, 2018 to benefit students in grades K-12. A 529 plan is a savings plan for families. It is something families do, not something the school does. Named for Section 529 of the U.S. tax code, a 529 plan is a tax-advantaged investment plan operated by a state to encourage families to save money for educational expenses. These plans were originally intended to help families save for college. The Federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act, passed in 2017, expanded the allowable use of 529 accounts to include withdrawals of up to \$10,000 per year to pay for a students' tuition in grades K-12 of a public or non public (private) school. For more information, contact your financial advisor or go to collegeadvantage.com.

At St. John's Jesuit, we want to make Catholic education accessible. Tuition assistance is a conversation worth having. Funds for financial aid are generated by fundraising events, scholarship endowments, the annual fund drive, and through contributions from generous donors. All grants are based on a family's financial need and the program's availability of funds. Approximately 70% of our students receive tuition assistance in some form every year.



Teacher Spotlight:

Kyle Zwyer, Chair, Mathematics Department

Mr. Zwyer teaches Freshman Algebra I and Honors Precalculus. In addition, he is the Mathematics Department Chair and serves as an adult leader on Junior and Sophomore retreats. He also serves as the faculty advisor to Survivor Club, an extracurricular at SJJ based on the reality television show, in which students compete in challenges against one another and outwit, outplay, and outlast the other students in order to become the sole survivor. When asked about teaching freshman algebra, Mr. Zwyer said "I want to hear from all of my freshmen students throughout the year so that I can check on their progress and understanding during the lessons. So, I have participation points that I keep track of in a spreadsheet and require each student to volunteer an explanation/answer to a problem in the notes or homework and students need to get to 10 participation points for the quarter. This gives me feedback and allows students to be more confident explaining their work in front of their peers."

One of the unique aspects of teaching at SJJ for Mr. Zwyer is seeing students begin the school year coming from many different backgrounds from all around the Toledo area. "Students arrive at SJJ and quickly become part of the brotherhood. I then get to see the freshmen progress to seniors and witness how they truly do become men for others and exhibit the five tenants of the grad-at-grad."

Interested in learning more about St. John's Jesuit? Have your son shadow as a Titan for a Day.
Contact the Admissions Office at 419-720-0797.